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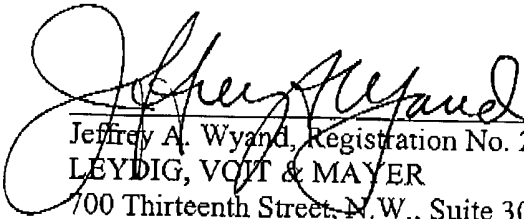
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In response to the Notice of Improper RCE appearing in the PAIR system, but never mailed, Applicant submits the claims section of the Amendment filed with the RCE, correctly indicating the status of all claims ever pending in this patent application.

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